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MEMORANDUM

TO: TARA TIGHE, QA MANAGER
FROM: MARGARET SCHWARTZ, DIRECTOR, VFL *ms*
SUBJECT: ALCOHOL AFFIDAVIT QUALIFICATION
DATE: 3/19/2012

Trisha Conti has reviewed information generated and formats used to provide case specific infrared and/or relation back (i.e. retrograde extrapolation) affidavits for breath/blood alcohol results at the Vermont Department of Health Laboratory prior to transition of the Alcohol Program to the Vermont Forensic Laboratory. From her educational background in toxicology and review of methods and calculations used in the field of alcohol determination, she is qualified to perform these calculations and evaluations. As supervisor of the alcohol unit, she is well versed in the requirements for adequate review of data reported in the forensic setting and has developed an affidavit format, review process and form to document review of the affidavit, for use in the generation of case specific infrared and/or relation back (i.e. retrograde extrapolation) affidavits for breath/blood alcohol.

By way of her educational background and knowledge of calculations to determine relation back (i.e. retrograde extrapolation), Trish is competent to generate case specific infrared and/or relation back affidavits and to review affidavits prior to release.